

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information. Claims 1-7 have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claims, remove the reference numerals, and delete the "characterized in that" language. New claims 8-9 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

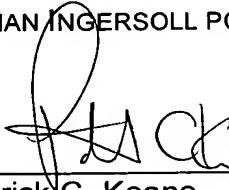
Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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